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Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema Issues Statement Urging Governor to Sign Tax Cut and Economic Investment Package

Lansing - Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema today applauded the House and Senate for passing a large tax cut and economic investment package. Sikkema, R-Wyoming, issued the following statement:

“This package represents the importance of dealing with Michigan’s economic problems in a cooperative fashion. I urge the governor to sign these bills and start us down the road to economic recovery.

“There has been a lot of discussion over whether the expiration of the Single Business Tax in December 2009 should remain in place. But we are facing a much more critical issue in this state. How do we start to repair Michigan’s economy and get our people back to work?

“We cannot let something as minor as a sunset four years from now affect something as major as the need for jobs. All the sunset does is ensure discussions about the SBT continue. Everyone agrees the SBT is one of the worst taxes in the nation. What’s wrong with talking about how to address the tax burden on job providers in Michigan?

“This is only step one. We are far from done talking about taxes and economic diversification in Lansing. But this is a good first step because it’s a good package. If the governor vetoes this, she has some explaining to do.”

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